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(RELIGIOUS AND MORAL INSTRUCTION SUB-COMMITTEE.)

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN,
Religious and Moral Instruction
Sub-Committee, Bangalore.

To

THE SECRETARY,
Text-Book Committee,
Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 1414—T. B. C. of 25-26, dated the 3rd July 1926, I have the honor to forward herewith a brief report on the working of the Religious and Moral Instruction Sub-Committee during 1925-26.

The Committee met only once and after having explained the suitability of the existing text-books on religious and moral education, recommended the preparation of proper text-books for the different grades of schools. The number of books that came up for review during the year was six and the number reviewed was three.

In this connection it may be observed that no serious attempt has been made to place religious and moral education in our schools on a sound basis. If the subject is to continue as an integral part of the curricula of studies, the most essential need seems to be the preparation of text-books to be used in different classes. No doubt, doctrinal differences among the sub-sects of the Hindus render the task of compiling text-books on religious instruction in particular somewhat difficult. But the fundamentals of Sanatana Dharma being common to all Hindus, it should be possible to present a system of religious teaching in schools acceptable to all communities among the Hindus.

The subject is a delicate one, however, and requires careful handling. It is nearly two decades since the subject found a place in our school studies and it is time that we decide either to retain the subject and make proper arrangements for its teaching or drop it altogether.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
D. VENKATRAMIAH,
Chairman.

BASAVANGUDI,
Bangalore, 10th July 1926.

(TELUGU SUB-COMMITTEE.)

To

THE PRESIDENT,
Text-Book Committee,
Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the working of the Telugu Sub-Committee for the year 1925-26. Mr. B. Krishnappa was the Chairman of the Sub-Committee till April. As his eyes were unfortunately affected unexpectedly, he had to give up the Chairmanship and I was asked to take up the work.

Of 98 books received for review, 96 were reviewed. The rest are being reviewed by the members.

I may be permitted to suggest that the addition of two more members to the Sub-Committee will facilitate the work of reviewing, since the number of books received for review are more in number than can be easily managed by the present Sub-Committee.

I sincerely thank my colleagues on the Sub-Committee for their willing co-operation in the performance of the onerous but honorary work entrusted to them.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
T. S. VENKANNAIYA,
Chairman.

Bangalore,
7th July 1926.